

## HAMPDEN CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

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Dear Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education:

I am writing this letter to respectfully request a waiver only pertains to the enrollment lottery conducted in March 2017 from the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education of the one-week notice regulation, as specified in 603 CMR 1.11(1).

Hampden Charter School of Science(HCSS) board of trustees and the school made a good faith with the regulations pertaining to a week's notice for the lottery date. On February 27, 2017, HCSS posted on our website the date and time for the public lottery for admission: Tuesday, March 14, 5:00 pm, in the school gym. This was done according to the regulation, but due to severe weather, HCSS was closed Tuesday, March 14th, and Wednesday, March 15. The school and the HCSS Board of Trustees then made and posted on the website a good faith decision, moving the lottery from March 14 to March 15, and the lottery was held successfully on Wednesday, March 15, at 5:00pm in the school gym.

The HCSS Board of Trustees voted to approve this request on 3/31/2017 at a meeting held in compliance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25.

In the future when we schedule and post the admissions lottery day and time, we will also include an inclement weather date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr.Volkan Yesilyurt

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